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SOVIETS PUSH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF STRATEGIC MINERALS IN KWANGTUNG  
KIANGSI NONFERROUS METALS BUREAU EXCEEDS APRIL QUOTA

CANTON OFFICE SURVEYS NONFERROUS METAL DEPOSITS -- Hong Kong, Kung-shang  
 Jih-pao, 13 Apr 51

Canton, 12 April -- Following the establishment of its Canton Staff Office, the Nonferrous Metals Control Bureau, Department of Industry, Central and South China Military and Administrative Committee, ordered Office Chief Man to accompany Soviet advisors on a survey of the areas of Shih-hsing, Nan-hsiung, Lo-ch'ang, and Fou-yuan in Northern Kwangtung, areas of Po-lo, Ho-yuan, and Tse-chin in Tung-chiang, and the areas of Jen Shan, Lu-feng, and Nan-feng Shan in Hui-yang. The Soviet plans include expanded production of the rich reserves of wolfram, bismuth, and lead in these areas and the establishment of purchasing stations. Three shipments of ore have already reached Hankow from Canton.

According to high-ranking cadres in the provincial government, a party of six persons including Yelotov [Chinese approximation of Russian name] advisor to the Central and South China Department of Industry, reached Canton from Hankow on 11 Apr 51 with 18 cases of mining machinery. Arrangements are being made with the Industrial Office to exploit first the deposits at Jen Shan, Ch'i-hsing Tun, and Mao-tzu Shan, in Hui-yang Hsien, because these are the richest wolfram-producing areas in Tung-chiang. Personnel have been sent to survey Yun-fou, Lo-ting, Hsin-hsing, and Feng-ch'uan, in Tung-chiang. Pending exploitation and analysis, it will be impossible to determine the quality and quantity of these last-mentioned deposits.

A total of 35 Soviet technicians are working as advisors in the exploitation of Kwangtung deposits. The purpose behind this exploitation scheme is to furnish strategic war materials for China and to provide the USSR with materials from which to manufacture weapons.

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KIANGSI DOUBLES EXPLOITATION QUOTA -- Nan-ch'ang, Kiangsi Jih-pao, 26 May 51

The Southern Kiangsi District Control Office, Kiangsi Nonferrous Metals Branch Bureau, has exceeded its April 1951 production quotas. The quota for purchase from other producing areas was exceeded by 46.39 percent. Purchases in April 1951 exceeded those of April 1950 by 97.02 percent. The quota for exploitation was fulfilled 220.56 percent. Exploitation in April 1951 exceeded that of April 1950 by 128.16 percent.

In the past, low April production has been due to excessive rains and the instability of laborers during the spring planting season. Strengthened leadership, intelligent planning, and economic assistance have remedied this situation. The number of persons who left their work (because of farm duties, rain, illness, injury, and other reasons) in April was 49.56 percent less than the figure for March.

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